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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - FEBRUARY 28
1.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
FEBRUARY 28, 1977:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT ON REPORTS
THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW PREPARED TO -- I DON'T WANT TO
SAY RESUME BECAUSE THERE IS DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT IT EVER
STOPPED -- THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW PREPARED TO SHIP 50
MIG'S TO EGYPT?

A. AGAIN I SAW THE REPORT --

Q. I HEARD IT. IT WAS A CBS REPORT. SADAT SAID IT.
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A. SADAT SAID, I BELIEVE, YESTERDAY ON "ISSUES AND
ANSWERS", IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN. ABC. YES, DEFINITELY.
I DO NOT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

Q. WHAT DOES IT DO TO YOUR MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY AND YOUR
VIEW OF HELPFUL -- OF MR. SADAT BEING SO HELPFUL TO YOUR
CAUSE?

A. I JUST DO NOT THINK I CAN OFFER ANY COMMENT ON IT.

Q. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION THAT EGYPT SENT OVER
100 MIG'S TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR REFURBISHMENT, OF WHICH
THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST INSTALLMENT TO BE RETURNED?

A. I THINK I WILL JUST NOT PROVIDE ANY COMMENT ON THAT
STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT SADAT YESTERDAY.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 24 PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY DETAILS ON WHEN OR HOW THE AMOCO RIG RESUMED ITS OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SUEZ?

A. AMOCO BEGAN THESE OPERATIONS ON FEBRUARY 17 AND THEY ARE CONTINUING.

Q. DID SECRETARY VANCE DISCUSS THE NUCLEAR REACTORS WITH THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS DURING HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP?

A. THE SUBJECT DID COME UP IN PASSING. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT OUR POLICY ON NUCLEAR TRANSFERS IS UNDER REVIEW, SO NO DECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES HAVE BEEN MADE.

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